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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION MAILED NOVEMBER 16, 2010

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Requirement for Restriction mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on November 16, 2010. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a one-month shortened statutory period for response, to end December 16, 2010, no fee is believed due at this time. However, if an extension of time is necessary, or if any additional fees are due to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Remarks, beginning on page 2, include Applicants' election without traverse.